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SUBJECT: SOVIET MILITIA DENIALS OF ACCESS TO EMBASSY

REF: MOSCOW 4730, 4628, 3539

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. EMBASSY EXPERIENCED ON APRIL 11 TWO FURTHER INSTANCES OF SOVIET MILITIAMEN DETAINING AND INTERROGATING SOVIET CITIZENS SEEKING DISCUSS WITH CONSOFFS THEIR EFFORTS EMIGRATE TO FAMILY MEMBERS IN US. CONSOFFS WILL RAISE WITH MFA PROTOCOL REPRESENTATIVE APRIL 15 CONTINUING MILITIA INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST INCIDENT OCCURRED MORNING APRIL 11 WHEN SOVIET CITIZEN BORIS IVOVICH BRANT WAS TURNED AWAY BY SOVIET MILITIA WHEN HE ATTEMPTED ENTER CONSULAR SECTION TO DISCUSS HIS EFFORTS EMIGRATE TO NIECE KLARA BRANT, 63-30 102ND ST, REGO PARK, NY. WHEN CONSOFFS WERE INFORMED OF THIS BY VISA APPLICANT IN RECEIPT OF EXIT DOCUMENT, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED BRANT FROM ODESSA, THEY GAVE LATTER CONSULAR LETTER OF INVITATION FOR BRANT. WHEN BRANT MADE SECOND ATTEMPT ENTER EMBASSY IN EARLY AFTERNOON, WITH INVITATION LETTER IN HAND, HE WAS TAKEN TO MILITIA BOOTH AROUND CORNER FROM EMBASSY, INTERROGATED FOR HOUR, AND WARNED TO SEEK NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH EMBASSY. CONSOFFS THEN WENT OUT TO BRANT

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ON STREET AND OFFERED ESCORT HIM INTO EMBASSY, BUT LATTER STATED

HE FEARED FURTHER INCIDENT WITH MILITIAMEN. SINCE BRANT NEEDED LETTER FROM EMBASSY FOR PRESENTATION TO ODESSA OVIR OFFICE, CONSOFFS WERE OBLIGED TAKE RELEVANT DATA ON STREET AND DELIVER LETTER BACK TO BRANT.

3. IN INCIDENT LATER SAME DATE, MRS. ANNA LEVENBERG (USG REPRESENTATION LISTS 15-16, UKRAINE) WAS SIMILARLY INTERCEPTED BY MILITIAMEN WHEN SEEKING ENTEREMBASSY, CONSULAR INVITATION LETTER IN HAND, TO DISCUSS HER LONG-STANDING EFFORTS EMIGRATE WITH HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER TO HER THREE BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS IN US. SHE WAS TAKEN TO MILITIA BOOTH, INTERROGATED FOR HOUR AND HALF, AND SIMILARLY WARNED AGAINST CONTACT WITH EMBASSY. WHEN MRS. LEVENBERG, AN AUSCHWITZ SURVIVOR, BROKE DOWN IN TEARS, MILITIAMEN REPORTEDLY AGREED ADMIT HER, ADDING COMMENT THAT SHE SHOULD FIRST WIPE AWAY TEARS IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL NOT SEE HER IN SUCH STATE.

4. AS FOLLOW-UP TO AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF AIDE-MEMOIRE THIS SUBJECT TO MFA/USA DIVISION DIRECTOR KORNIYENKO APRIL 1 (MOSCOW 4730), CONSOFFS WILL RAISE CONTINUING MILITIA INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO EMBASSY IN MEETING WITH MA PROTOCOL DIVISION SECOND SECRETARY PASKIN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15. EMBASSY BELIEVES QUESTION OF ACCESS SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY DEPARTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS.  
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